2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of Main Committee II

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons established Main Committee II as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see NPT/CONF.2015/1):

> **Item 16**. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference and the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference:
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> (c) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, safeguards and nuclear-weapon-free zones:
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> (i) Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7;
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> (ii) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3 in their relationship to articles III and IV;
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> (iii) Article VII;
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> **Item 17**. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

2. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference also approved the establishment of Subsidiary Body 2 under Main Committee II. The Conference decided that Subsidiary Body 2 would examine "Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution". It further decided that the subsidiary body would be open-ended and that the meetings of the subsidiary body would be held in private. The Conference decided that Subsidiary Body 2 would hold meetings within the overall time allocated to

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Main Committee II and that the outcome of the work of the subsidiary body would be reflected in the report of that Committee to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2015/DEC.2).

Officers of the Committee

3. The Conference unanimously elected Mr. Cristian Istrate (Romania) as Chair of the Committee and Mr. Toshiro Ozawa (Japan) and Mr. Sadiq Marafi (Kuwait) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

4. Subsidiary Body 2 was chaired by Mr. Juan Ignacio Morro Villacián (Spain).

Documents before the Committee

5. The Committee had before it the following documents that were relevant for its work:

(a) Conference papers

NPT/CONF.2015/1	Final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/2	Activities of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy: memorandum of the African Union Commission
NPT/CONF.2015/3	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by Portugal
NPT/CONF.2015/4	Memorandum on activities of Kyrgyzstan in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia
NPT/CONF.2015/5	Memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
NPT/CONF.2015/6	Implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: background paper prepared by the Secretariat
NPT/CONF.2015/7	Memorandum on activities relating to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga): submitted by the secretariat of the Pacific Island Forum
NPT/CONF.2015/8	Memorandum from Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status

NPT/CONF.2015/9	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/11	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Finland
NPT/CONF.2015/12	Report on the activities of Australia in support of the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/13	Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article III of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency
NPT/CONF.2015/14	Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency
NPT/CONF.2015/15	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Cuba
NPT/CONF.2015/16	Ninth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Chile
NPT/CONF.2015/17	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: national report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2015/18	Establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/21	Substantive matters before the Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
NPT/CONF.2015/22 and Rev.1	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Switzerland

NPT/CONF.2015/23	Memorandum on activities relating to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone: report submitted by Malaysia
NPT/CONF.2015/24	Note verbale dated 16 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the secretariat of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/25	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland
NPT/CONF.2015/26	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: report submitted by Morocco
NPT/CONF.2015/27	Report on the implementation of the action plan adopted by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Romania
NPT/CONF.2015/28	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: summary update to the reports submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2015/30	National implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2015/31	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2015/32	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in China: Report submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/33	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by the Netherlands
NPT/CONF.2015/34	Implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report by Canada

NPT/CONF.2015/35	Steps to promote the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2015/36	Towards a regional dialogue in the Middle East: an Israeli perspective: submission by Israel
NPT/CONF.2015/37	Preparations for the conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction: report by the facilitator
NPT/CONF.2015/39	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Belgium
NPT/CONF.2015/40	Implementation of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and of paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Mexico
NPT/CONF.2015/41	Note verbale dated 4 May 2015 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Office for Disarmament Affairs
NPT/CONF.2015/42	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2015/43	Measures to promote the establishment of a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East and to fully implement the 1995 Middle East resolution: report submitted by Algeria

(b) Conference working papers

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.1	Addressing "Vienna issues": the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, compliance and verification, export controls, cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, nuclear safety, nuclear security and withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.3	Verification: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.4	Nuclear-weapon-free zones: working paper presented by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.5	The inalienable right to develop research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.6	Safeguards: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.10	The international efforts of France to secure radioactive sources: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.12	Preparedness and response to nuclear and radiological emergencies: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.16	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.17	Transparency by non-nuclear-weapon States parties: working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.20	Multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.24	Substantive recommendations for incorporation into the final document of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.25	Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia: working paper submitted by the Kyrgyzstan on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.32	Transparency, reporting and strengthening the review process: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.33	Implementation of the 1995 resolution and 2010 outcome on the Middle East: working paper submitted by Bahrain on behalf of the Arab Group
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.34	Disarmament and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear non-proliferation: working paper submitted by Bahrain on behalf of the Member States of the League of Arab States
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.35	Capacity-building initiative: an informal group to support capacity-building networking, in the frame of the International Atomic Energy Agency: working paper submitted by France and Romania
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.36	Comprehensive implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and active promotion of global nuclear governance: working paper submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.37	Nuclear Non-Proliferation: working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.40	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the States Parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.41	Non-proliferation in all its aspects: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.45	Implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: non-proliferation and regional security: working paper submitted by the United States of America

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.48	Progress towards the convening of a conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction attended by all States of the Middle East: working paper submitted on behalf of the co-convening States (Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.49	Regional issues: Middle East: working paper presented by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.54	Nuclear-weapon-free status of Mongolia: working paper submitted by Mongolia
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.55	European Union safeguards contribution to the global nuclear non-proliferation regime: safeguards implementation in the European Union: working paper submitted by the European Union
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.57	Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction: working paper submitted by the Russian Federation

(c) Documents introduced in Main Committee II

(i) Main Committee II papers

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/INF/1	Draft programme of work: 27 April-22 May 2015 — Main Committee II and Subsidiary Body 2

(ii) Main Committee II working papers

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/WP.1	Working paper of the Chair of Main Committee II
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/WP.2	Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and implementation of the 1995 Middle East resolution: working paper of the Chair of Subsidiary Body 2

(iii) Conference room papers

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.1	Draft programme of work: 27 April-22 May 2015 — Main Committee II and Subsidiary Body 2
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.2, Rev.1 and 2	Main Committee II: Draft report of the Chair
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.3	Proposals of France as of 11 May 2015

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.4 and Rev.1	Position of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries as of 11 May 2015 on Main Committee II: Draft report of the Chair
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.5	Proposals of the Netherlands as of 11 May 2015
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.6 and Add.1	Comments by New Zealand as of 11 May 2015
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.7 and Add.1	Comments by Australia on the Main Committee II Draft report of the Chair: Vienna Group of 10
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.8	Main Committee II: Draft report: comments on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.9	Comments of Japan on the draft report of the Chair of Main Committee II
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.10	Main Committee II: draft report of the Chair: Comments by the delegation of the United States
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.11 and Add.1	Comments of the Russian Federation on the first draft report of the Chair of Main Committee II
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.12 and Rev.1	Proposals by Brazil on Main Committee II: Draft report of the Chair
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.13	Draft working paper of the Chair of Main Committee II: proposed amendments by Belgium
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.14	Proposal by Mongolia as of 12 May 2015
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.15	Proposals of Slovenia to the draft report of Main Committee II
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.16 and Add.1	Preliminary comments by Egypt as of 12 May 2015 regarding draft report of the Chair contained in NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.2
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.17 and Add.1	Main Committee II: Draft report of the Chair: proposals by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.18	Proposals by Algeria, Main Committee II: draft paper by the Chair
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.19	Draft working paper of the Chair for Main Committee II: proposed amendments by South Africa
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.20	Indonesian proposal for last sentence of para. 37

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.21	Preliminary suggestion by China
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.22	Proposals of Cuba
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.23	Proposals by Argentina
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.24	Amendment proposed by Sweden
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.25	Proposals by Brazil on Main Committee II: draft report of the Chair, Rev.1 (as of 15 May 2015)
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.26	Proposal of Morocco, Main Committee II: draft report of the Chair, Rev.1
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.27	Draft report of Main Committee II
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.28	Proposals by Malaysia to Main Committee II: draft report of the Chair

(d) Document introduced in Subsidiary Body 2

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/SB.2/CRP.1	The Middle East, particularly implementation of the 1995 Resolution on the Middle East

Work of the Committee

6. The Committee held 11 plenary meetings in the period from 4 to 18 May 2015. An account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records. Subsidiary Body 2 of Main Committee II held five meetings between 7 and 18 May. As the meetings of Subsidiary Body 2 were closed meetings, there are no official records of those meetings. After an item-by-item consideration of the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee, at its meetings, proceeded to a detailed discussion of the proposals and documents before it. The various views expressed and proposals made are reflected in the summary records of the Committee and in the working papers submitted to it. Those summary records and working papers form an integral part of the report of the Committee to the Conference.

7. At the 9th meeting of Main Committee II, on 15 May, Mr. Juan Ignacio Morro Villacián (Spain), the Chair of Subsidiary Body 2, made an oral report to the Committee. On 15 May, he issued a draft report (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/SB.2/CRP.1) under his responsibility. At the 11th meeting of Main Committee II, on 18 May, the Committee had not reached consensus on the content of the Main Committee II Chair's revised draft report (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/CRP.2/Rev.2) and the draft report of the Chair of Subsidiary Body 2 (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.II/SB.2/CRP.1) and, therefore, the Committee did not reach consensus to attached those documents to the final report of Main Committee II. Subsequently, the Chair announced that the work of Main Committee II had been concluded, without prejudice to any decision to be taken otherwise by the plenary.